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**TOWN OF CARRBORO  
ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD – SUMMARY**



Meeting on May 6, 2021, 7:00 pm

<b>Board Members</b>	<b>Town Council Liaison</b>	<b>Staff</b>	<b>Guests</b>
Namdi Brandon	Sammy Slade	Trish McGuire	n/a
Chrissie Schalkoff			
Maria Julia Echart			
Alfonso Blanco			
Kathy Kaufman			

Note: Absent/Excused:

**Call to Order, Announcements**

Meeting convened via videoconference at about 7:00 P.M. Members held a brief discussion of Laura Janway’s new baby and arranging for a gift. Congratulations to Laura and family.

**Approval of 4/21/2021 Meeting Minutes**

Action was deferred to a future meeting.

**Joint Review**

The Environmental Advisory Board convened the initial portion of its meeting to join in joint review with the Transportation Advisory Board and the Planning Board. For details on the joint session, check the minutes of the Planning Board at [3929 \(townofcarrboro.org\)](http://3929.townofcarrboro.org). The joint session concluded at 8:24 pm and the EAB members rejoined the videoconference session to continue the meeting.

**(a) Draft LUO Text Amendment for EV Charging Stations.**

EAB members briefly discussed the joint review comments and turned to completion of the recommendation template, as follows:

Motion was made by Christine Schalkoff and seconded by Maria Julia Echart that the Environmental Advisory Board of the Town of Carrboro recommends that the Town Council adopt the draft ordinance, noting the following:

- Make clear that the required ADA space is in addition to ADA spaces otherwise required and provided
- Make sure residential requirement also includes 3 percent and 20 percent requirements when common area parking reaches threshold
- Decrease the threshold for the requirement from 50 to 35 or more
- Continue to examine/explore other ways to incentivize the inclusion of alternative fueling infrastructure
- Consider potential of proposed state law allowing local governments to enforce use of electric vehicle charging on private parking lots
- Staff check on enforcement authority for overstaying at electric vehicle charging stations in public locations
- If clean energy source, promote those electric vehicle charging stations accordingly

**VOTE:**

AYES: (5) Blanco, Brandon, Echart, Kaufman, Schalkoff

NOES: (0)

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ABSTENTIONS: (0)  
ABSENT/EXCUSED: (0)

Associated Findings

By a unanimous show of hands, the Environmental Advisory Board membership indicated that no members have any financial interests that would pose a conflict of interest to the adoption of this amendment.

Motion was made by Christine Schalkoff and seconded by Namdi Brandon that the Environmental Advisory Board of the Town of Carrboro finds the proposed amendment consistent with Carrboro’s climate action policies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, encourage renewable energy and energy conservation as expressed in the energy provisions in Carrboro Vision2020, 5.50; the Community Climate Action Plan; and the municipal focused Energy and Climate Protection Action Plan.

Furthermore, the Environmental Advisory Board of the Town of Carrboro finds the proposed text amendment is reasonable and in the public interest by providing increased access to electric vehicle charging infrastructure.

**VOTE:**

AYES: (5) Blanco, Brandon, Echart, Kaufman, Schalkoff

NOES: (0)

ABSTENTIONS: (0) ABSENT/EXCUSED: (0)

**Review of Carrboro Connects Goals and Strategies Documents**

Trish McGuire noted that the EAB and other advisory boards are being asked to review the draft documents to provide feedback and inform the discussion of the Task Force and the ongoing development of the comprehensive plan. A draft of the plan is expected to be presented to the community in the fall. Comments in three specific areas have been requested: 1) the greatest impact of the projects, 2) feasibility of the projects, and 3) the Cross Cutting of the current project components.

Kathy Kaufman noted that she was glad to see consistency with the CCAP; that she had noted that the draft comp plan docs included a number of goals from the CCAP. EAB members agreed to continue the review and comments on the draft materials to the June meeting, if the schedule allowed, or to a special meeting in June if needed.

**Adjourn**

The motion to adjourn was made by Christine Schalkoff and seconded by MarieJulia Echart, with all members voting in favor. The meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:11 pm.